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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

ONIONS AND ONION SEED IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

The Canary Islands are expected to produce from 85,000 to 89,000 pounds of onion seed this season, according to R. A. Gibson, American Consul at Teneriffe. Although some signs of disease have appeared, the yield is expected to be from 10 to 15 per cent greater than the 1924 crop of 78,000 pounds.

The Island of Lanzarote, which specializes in Bermuda onions, expects to harvest 60,000 crates of 101 pounds, equivalent to 106,300 bushels, says J. C. Greenup, American Consul at Las Palmas. That figure is almost double the 1924 crop. It is said, however, that owing to a shortage of moisture, and the discouragement resulting from the 1924 failures, the yield will be 40,000 crates short of an average crop. About 70 per cent of the crop will go to Cuba, and 15 per cent to Porto Rico. The harvest was expected to begin about May 1. Growers were expecting to receive about \$2.10, and shippers \$2.40 per crate, for the first shipments, but the bulk of the crop will bring them about \$1.05 and \$1.40 respectively. Freight to Cuba and Porto Rico amounts to about a dollar per crate.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONIONS WILL BE PLENTIFUL

The 1925 acreage of Spanish "Grano" onions is said to exceed the area in 1924, according to F. A. Henry, American Consul General at Barcelona. Indications point to an abundant crop. The onions are said to be larger in size than those of the preceding season, a fact which is expected to stimulate American demand. The "Babosa" or summer onions are showing satisfactory progress, as a result of favorable weather conditions. The British market, which usually absorbs the bulk of the Babosa crop, is said to present rather discouraging prospects, owing to the continued heavy shipments of Egyptian onions.

The Island of Lanzarote in the Canary Islands expects to export about 132,000 bushels of onions of 57 pounds this season, an increase of 100 per cent over the exports of 1924, according to J. C. Greenup, American Consul at Las Palmas. The normal export is placed at 175,000 bushels. Cuba is expected to take 70 per cent of the exports with 15 percent going to Porto Rico. Growers in June were receiving the equivalent of 68 cents per bushel, against 91 cents to \$1.08 in June 1924. In Teneriffe exports of onion seeds begun late in June are expected to exceed by 10 to 15 per cent the 75,000 pounds exported in 1924, according to R. A. Gibson, American Consul at that port.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION PROSPECTS

The Spanish Grano onion crop will be slightly above normal in quality, and will move to market on time, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Codoner, Valencia, Spain. Present indications are that the crop will be larger than last year, but definite estimates cannot be made until after the middle of September. Present conditions are favorable.

Spanish dealers are anticipating a strong American demand for the new crop, chiefly because of the size of the onions. No new Grano onions have yet been exported this season, but 5,500 cases and 34,000 crates of Babosa onions were exported to the United States during the week ending August 15. The time of passage averages from 15 to 18 days. The Consul advises that the Valencia market was steady on August 18 with prices at 1.25 pesetas per 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ kilograms or 71 cents per 100 pounds in the field.

Returns from the Babosa crop, shipments of which began in May have been rather unsatisfactory, owing to the continued competition in British markets offered by Egyptian onions up to early in July, according to a report submitted by Consul Edwards at Valencia under date of July 21. Exports to the United States, however, brought from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per crate for sound goods, compensating somewhat for losses elsewhere. Exports of onions in cases for the season up to June 27, 1925, of which over 85 per cent went to Great Britain and Ireland, amounted to 180,160 against 213,798 for the corresponding period of 1923-24. Exports of crates, however, all of which came to the United States, totaled 232,041, against 95,395 for the 1923-24 period.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

Exports from Valencia to the United States of 1925 Grano onions up to September 3 totaled 12,441 cases and 52,147 crates, according to the regular bi-weekly cable to the Department of Agriculture from Consul M. J. Codover. For the week ending September 3, exports amounted to 9,200 cases and 44,000 crates, of which 7,362 cases and 40,000 crates sailed on August 26 and 28. One vessel is now loading 50,000 crates at Gandia. The market is described as firm, with prices in the field still at 1.25 pesetas per $11\frac{1}{2}$ kilos, or 71.25 cents per 100 pounds.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

Exports of Spanish onions from Valencia to the United States during the two weeks ending September 19th, totaled 89,842 crates and 12,864 cases, according to cable to Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Codoner. Of these shipments 50,000 crates and about 6,500 cases went out during the week ending September 18th, 27,000 crates and about 4,000 cases sailing from Gandia September 12 and 16. A vessel now loading will land about 55,000 crates of onions in New York around October 5th, according to the Consul.

The market is reported steady with prices in the field ranging from 75 centavos to 1 peseta 25 centavos per arroba (42.5¢ to 70.8¢ per 100 lbs.) according to size.

Exports of grano onions to United States by weeks since the first of the season have been as follows:

1925 Week ending	Cases	Crates
Aug. 25.....	3,241	8,147
Sept. 3	9,200	44,000
10	6,373	39,412
18	6,491	50,430
Total.....	25,305	141,989

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

Exports of Spanish onions from the Valencia district to the United States during the two weeks ending October 3, totaled 99,319 crates and 4,987 cases, of which 29,411 crates and 1,093 cases were exported during the week ending October 3, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Codoner at Valencia. The shipments made during the week of October 3 are due to arrive in New York around October 10-15. Two vessels are reported loading about 47,500 crates at Denia to sail on October 5, according to Consul Codoner.

Prices are steady at from 1 peseta to 1 peseta 25 centavas per arroba (57 to 71¢ per 100 lbs.), although there appears to be a tendency for the market to weaken.

Exports of Grano onions to the United States by weeks since the first of the season have been as follows:

1925		Cases	Crates
Week ending			
Aug. 25.....	3,241	8,147	
Sept. 3.....	9,200	44,000	
10.....	6,373	39,412	
18.....	6,491	50,430	
26.....	3,894	69,908	
Oct. 3.....	<u>1,093</u>	<u>29,411</u>	
Total.....	30,292	241,308	

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

The largest exports so far this season of Spanish Grano onions are now enroute to the United States, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Codoner at Valencia. Exports from the Valencia district during the two weeks ending October 16 totaled 184,701 crates, and 20,196 cases, of which 162,186 crates and 20,196 cases were shipped during the week ending October 16. Shipments of 94,600 crates and 8,760 cases, sailing October 14-16, are due to arrive in New York between October 29 and November 3.

The market is now reported steadier than two weeks ago, although prices are unchanged at from 1 peseta to 1 peseta 25 centavos per arroba (57 to 71 cents per hundred pounds). Exports of Grano onions to the United States by weeks, since the first of the season, have been as follows:

1925 Week ending	Cases	Crates
Aug. 25.....	3,241	8,147
Sept. 3.....	9,200	44,000
10.....	6,373	39,412
18.....	6,491	50,430
26.....	3,894	69,908
Oct. 3.....	1,093	29,411
10.....	---	22,515
16.....	<u>20,196</u>	<u>162,186</u>
Total.....	50,488	426,009

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

CANARY ISLAND ONION SEED SITUATION

The price of Canary Island onion seed is very likely to be higher for the year 1926 than during the past year, according to information from Consul Raleigh A. Gibson, at Teneriffe, received in the Department of Agriculture. Onion seed growers have found during the past year that they could obtain considerably higher prices from American buyers than they have been receiving in the past from local buyers, and on the first of September were demanding 72 cents per pound for yellow onion seed, and \$1.00 per pound for crystal wax seed, whereas in past years the average price received was 50 cents per pound, at present exchange, for yellow seed, and about 58 cents for crystal wax.

Conditions for the 1926 onion seed harvest can as yet be stated only in a general way. The present indications are, however, that the 1926 harvest will show a shortage of crystal wax onion seed, but an ample supply of yellow Bermuda, as onions for seed on hand are smaller than for the last harvest in the case of crystal wax, but slightly larger in the case of yellow Bermuda. The grower in Canary Islands is furnished the onions for planting for seed, and is paid for his crop at the time of harvest at a contracted price per pound of onion seed. With high prices being realized for the 1925 harvest, there is a possibility that some of the growers have held back some onions, in order to plant free from contract, according to the Consul, but with practically all of the crop grown under contract, it is impossible to secure any large quantity of onion seed from growers themselves.

Attention is called to the fact that about 24,800 pounds of white crystal wax seed were shipped to the United States during the present season, whereas the crop was estimated at the middle of the harvest not to exceed more than 16,000 pounds of this variety. The high prices offered for crystal wax seed undoubtedly resulted in the substitution of other seed, largely yellow and red, in a number of cases. Local officials have taken action to prevent this in the future however.

The shortage of crystal wax onions has led to the experiment of planting onion seed in the month of August with the view to securing onions in time for the fall planting. The experiment, if successful, will be of great value to American importers and growers, since the harvest will always be protected.

Shipments of Canary Island onion seed to the United States,^{a/} which is the principal purchaser of the crop, are given below for the five years 1921-1925.

^{a/}Includes Porto Rico.

ONION SEED: Exports from Canary Islands to the
United States, 1921-1925

Year	Yellow Bermuda		Crystal Wax		Total ^{a/}	
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1921..	5,587	3,500	---	---	5,587	3,500
1922..	64,266	50,915	38,364	46,610	104,026	98,793
1923..	62,221	56,408	30,671	41,879	94,684	99,706
1924..	45,967	37,894	20,981	27,044	67,344	65,246
1925..	84,628	103,116	24,809	54,777	110,612	159,245

^{a/}Includes, in addition to Yellow Bermuda and Crystal Wax, a small quantity of Red Bermuda seed.

November 4, 1925

FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

Exports of Spanish onions from Valencia to the United States, continued large during the period October 17 to November 3, although shipments were smaller than in the previous two weeks period, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Codoner at Valencia. Exports from the Valencia district between October 17 and November 3, totaled 129,903 crates and 42,344 cases, of which 65,655 crates and 10,445 cases were shipped during the week ending ¹¹November 3. The shipments made during the latter week are due to arrive in New York between November 8 and 15.

The Spanish onion market is reported steady with prices unchanged from those previously reported. Exports of onions from Valencia to the United States, by weeks, since the first of the season, have been as follows:

1925		Cases	Crates
Week ending			
Aug. 25.....		3,241	8,147
Sept. 3.....		9,200	44,000
10.....		6,373	39,412
18.....		6,491	50,430
26.....		3,894	69,908
Oct. 3.....		1,093	29,411
10.....		---	22,515
16.....		20,196	162,186
27.....		31,899	64,248
Nov. 3.....		<u>10,445</u>	<u>65,655</u>
Total.....		92,832	555,912

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

The peak of Spanish onion shipments apparently will have been passed with the arrivals in the United States during the present week, according to figures cabled to the Department of Agriculture by Consul Edwards in Valencia, Spain. Exports of Spanish onions from the Valencia district to the United States were again large during the two weeks ending November 18, but there was a sharp decline during the week ending November 18. Exports for the two weeks ending November 18 totaled 130,601 crates, and 44,320 cases, of which only 16,460 crates and 18,215 cases were shipped during the week of November 18. The latter shipments are due to arrive in New York and Boston from November 26 to 29. Shipments during the week ending November 25, are expected to be only about 20,000 crates.

Exports of onions from the Valencia district to the United States, by weeks since the first of the season, are as follows:

1925 Week ending	Cases	Crates
Aug. 25	3,241	8,147
Sept. 3	9,200	44,000
10	6,573	39,412
18	6,491	50,430
26	3,894	69,908
Oct. 3	1,093	29,411
10	---	22,515
16	20,196	162,186
27	31,899	64,248
Nov. 3	10,445	65,655
11	26,105	114,141
18	18,215	16,460
Total.....	137,152	686,513

The "grano" or fall onion crop of the Valencia district in Spain was considerably larger than that of last year, with about 75 per cent of the crop consisting of the large sizes preferred by the American market, according to Vice Consul Manuel Codoner. British markets are said to prefer the smaller sized onion and much anxiety has been felt in Spain about the possibility of the British market giving preference to the Hungarian onion owing to its smaller size. Hungary this year reported a large crop. Consul Codoner states that if the British markets refuse to accept the large onions there is no doubt that Spanish shippers will suffer severe loss. The onion crop in the Netherlands is stated to have been only 50 per cent of its normal yield and its competition in British markets has not been feared by Spanish shippers this season.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

The peak of Spanish onion shipments for the present season has now passed and arrivals from now on may be expected to continue to decline. Exports from the Valencia district to the United States, according to a cable to the Department of Agriculture from Consul Edwards at Valencia, amounted during the period November 19 to December 5 to 26,938 crates and 19,377 cases, of which 18,602 crates and 6,282 cases were shipped during the week ending December 5th. The latter shipments, according to the Consul, are due in New York around December 12, although the usual sailing time would make these shipments arrive a few days later.

The Spanish market is reported weaker with prices about 20 per cent lower than those prevailing during the season. Exports of onions from the Valencia district to the United States by weeks since the first of the season have been as follows:

1925		Cases	Crates
Week ending			
Aug. 25	.....	3,241	8,147
Sept. 3	.....	9,200	44,000
10	.....	6,373	39,412
18	.....	6,491	50,430
26	.....	3,894	69,908
Oct. 3	.....	1,093	29,411
10	.....	---	22,515
16	.....	20,196	162,186
27	.....	31,899	64,248
Nov. 3	.....	10,445	65,655
11	26,105	114,141
18	18,215	16,460
28	13,095	8,336
Dec. 5	6,282	18,602
Total	156,529	93,451

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FOREIGN NEWS ON ONIONS

SPANISH ONION SHIPMENTS

December shipments of onions from Valencia to the United States have been irregular and diminishing, according to cabled advices from Consul C. S. Edwards to the Department of Agriculture. For the period December 12 to December 26, shipments reached 7,466 cases and 26,874 crates. Of those quantities, 5,226 cases and 26,182 crates were sent during the week ending December 26, to arrive in New York around January 5. The Valencia market is reported as very weak.

Exports of onions from the Valencia district to the United States by weeks since the first of the season have been as follows:

1925		Cases	Crates
Week ending			
Aug. 25	.....	3,241	8,147
Sept. 3	.....	9,200	44,000
10	.....	6,373	39,412
18	.....	6,491	50,430
26	.....	3,894	69,908
Oct. 3	.....	1,093	29,411
10	.....	---	22,515
16	.....	20,196	162,186
27	.....	31,899	64,248
Nov. 3	.....	10,445	65,655
11	.....	26,105	114,141
18	.....	18,215	16,460
28	13,095	8,336
Dec. 5	6,282	13,602
12	---	---
19	2,237	692
26	5,229	26,182
Total	163,995	740,325

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